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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10. **(Canceled)**

11. **(Currently amended)** In a device for pumping fuel, having a suction jet pump that has a fuel line and a mixing conduit, in which, in a first partial section of the fuel line oriented toward the mixing conduit, a nozzle-like constriction with a nozzle opening is provided, and the fuel line **fluidly** communicates **fluidically** with the mixing conduit via the nozzle opening, the improvement comprising at least one rib between the first partial section of the fuel line and the mixing conduit, the at least one rib connecting the first partial section of the fuel line to the mixing conduit in one piece, and a housing containing a second partial section of the fuel line in fluid communication with the first partial section of the fuel line and a mount for the mixing chamber, the mount having a first receiving opening and the second partial section of the fuel line having a second receiving opening, wherein the mixing conduit is thrust, with the integrally joined first partial section of the fuel line leading, into the first receiving opening, until the first partial section of the fuel line protrudes into the second receiving opening of the second partial section of the fuel line.

Claim 12. **(Canceled)**

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13. **(Currently amended)** The device as defined by claim [[12]] 11, wherein the at least one rib is flat or curved in the flow direction.
14. **(Currently amended)** The device as defined by claim [[12]] 11, wherein the at least one rib originating originates at the first partial section of the fuel line, and extends in the axial and radial directions as far as the mixing conduit.
15. **(Previously presented)** The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the at least one rib protrudes past the nozzle opening in the direction of the mixing conduit.
16. **(Currently amended)** The device as defined by claim [[12]] 11, wherein a plurality of ribs are disposed about the first partial section of the fuel line.
17. **(Previously presented)** The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the first partial section of the fuel line is disposed concentrically to the mixing conduit.
18. **(Previously presented)** The device as defined by claim 11, further comprising an annular inlet opening into the mixing conduit between the first partial section of the fuel line and the mixing conduit.

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19. **(Previously presented)** The device as defined by claim 18, wherein the wall thickness of the at least one rib, viewed in the axial direction with respect to an axis of the mixing conduit, is small compared to the cross section of the inlet opening of the mixing conduit.

Claim 20. (Canceled)

21. **(New)** The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the at least one rib comprises a plurality of ribs disposed around the first partial section of the fuel line and distributed over the circumference of the first partial section.

22. **(New)** The device as defined by claim 21, wherein the plurality of ribs comprises three ribs disposed around the first partial section of the fuel line and distributed over the circumference of the first partial section.

23. **(New)** The device as defined by claim 18, wherein the at least one rib divides the annular inlet opening into a plurality of individual inlet openings.

24. **(New)** The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the first partial section and the second partial section are disposed concentrically to one another.

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25. (New) The device as defined by claim 11, wherein the suction jet pump has an intake chamber and the second partial section on an end toward the intake chamber has the second receiving opening for receiving the first partial end of the fuel line.

26. (New) The device as defined by claim 25, wherein the intake chamber protrudes past the first receiving opening and the second receiving opening in a radial direction relative to the axis of the mixing conduit so that flow can bypass the circumference of the first partial section and enter the mixing conduit annularly.

27. (New) The device as defined by claim 25, wherein the first partial section of the fuel line protruding into the second receiving opening of the second partial section of the fuel line tightly closes off the second receiving opening from the intake chamber.